

## DRAFT AGENDA; OCTOBER 6-7 Biodiversity Council Fall Retreat

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### DAY ONE: October 6<sup>th</sup>

**8:45**            **Coffee/Networking**

**9:00**            **WELCOME/Introductions**

- Overview Agenda
- Business Items (Budget and Workplan update)
- Schedule 2010 Meeting Dates

**9:30**            **Governor's Natural Resource Reform Initiative – developing Council Comments**

- Presentation of highlights (Kaleen Cottingham, RCO Director)
- Review and discuss official comments by the Council (Executive Committee)  
(Note: draft comments currently under development)

**10:45**            **BREAK**

**11:00**            **Workgroups Introduce Funding Proposals; Questions and Discussion**

(Decision to be made on Day 2)

- Land Use and Local Government
- Incentives and Markets
- Science and Information
- Education and Outreach

**12:00**            **LUNCH**

**12:30**            **The unique biodiversity of the East Cascades** (Sarah Gage)

What the Conservation Opportunity Framework tells us about the biodiversity significance of our meeting location, and going underneath the maps to find out what makes it special.

**12:45**            **Biodiversity Scorecard Workshop** (Steven Walters, John Marzluff)

Break when  
needed

1. Presentation of the major components of the Scorecard, sample benchmark data, and examples of how the data can be interpreted.
2. Small and large group exercises and discussion to deepen understanding of Scorecard and provide feedback.

**3:15**            **North Central Washington Pilot Project – Results/Recommendations PART I**

(Nancy Warner and Ben Fields, IRIS project Staff)

Findings and results from establishing photo-monitoring trails to engage citizens in monitoring natural landscapes.

**3:30**            **FIELD TRIP** photo monitoring trail (a few minutes away from our meeting location).  
(IRIS project staff)

**5:00 – 6:30**    **Free Time**

**6:30**            **Dinner and evening session at Barn Beach Reserve.**  
*Guest Speaker Rufus Wood (publisher of Wenatchee World and IRIS board member)*  
*will share thoughts Council about the importance of regional identity in*  
*conservation initiatives.*

## **Day Two: October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00**            **Coffee and Snacks**

**8:15**            **WELCOME** and revisit day one; impressions from field trip and speakers

**8:30**            **“Washington’s Biodiversity” premiere of Council’s (almost final!) new video**  
(Jim Armstrong and Sarah Gage)

**8:45**            **NCW Early Action Project; Results/Recommendations PART II** (Nancy Warner)  
Results, lessons learned, and recommendations for the remaining two components  
of this project.

- Facilitating the use of the Conservation Opportunity Maps by land use planners from three counties.
- Working to establish a regional Biodiversity Council

**9:45**            **Break**

**10:00**           **Habitat Connectivity Initiative**

- **Briefing on progress to date;** Working Group on Wildlife Habitat Connectivity and Western Governors Association Initiative (Joanne Schuett-Hames)
- **Stakeholder Involvement** (Bill Robinson, Robinson Research)
- **Resolution 2009-01:** Assess need for additional direction. (Council )

**11:00**           **Decision on Funding Workgroup Projects** (Josh Weiss and Council)

**12:30**           **WORKING LUNCH and ADJOURN**